

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1 1. A method for sending a message to a recipient, the recipient associated
2 with a plurality of devices, the method comprising:
3 receiving a message;
4 determining a recipient for the message;
5 determining a plurality of devices associated with the recipient, wherein each
6 device in the plurality of devices are associated with a device identifier and a communication
7 type;
8 determining a device in the plurality of devices in which to send the message
9 based on the communication type associated with the device; and
10 sending the message to the determined device at its device identifier.

1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein determining the device comprises
2 determining the device based on content of the message.

1 3. The method of claim 1, further comprising determining
2 communication capabilities for devices in the plurality of devices, wherein determining the
3 device comprises determining the device based on the communication capabilities for the
4 plurality of devices.

1 4. The method of claim 1, further comprising determining one or more
2 preferences associated with the recipient, wherein determining the device comprises
3 determining the device based on the one or more preferences.

1 5. The method of claim 1, further comprising determining presence
2 information for devices in the plurality of devices associated with the user, wherein
3 determining the device comprises determining the device based on the presence information.

1 6. The method of claim 5, wherein the device is determined based on
2 presence information that indicates the device is active.

1 7. The method of claim 1, wherein the received message is sent by a
2 second device that communicates in a first protocol and the sent message is received by the
3 device that communicates in a second protocol.

1 8. The method of claim 7, wherein the second device receives the
2 message in the second protocol.

1 9. The method of claim 1, wherein determining the plurality of devices
2 comprises:
3 determining a recipient identifier that is associated with the plurality of
4 devices from the recipient; and
5 using the recipient identifier to determine the plurality of devices.

1 10. The method of claim 1, wherein determining the device comprises:
2 determining a communication type in which to send the message; and
3 determining the device identifier associated with the communication type.

1 11. The method of claim 1, wherein the received message does not specify
2 the device identifier.

1 12. The method of claim 1, wherein the received message is addressed to a
2 different device identifier than the device identifier of the sent message.

1 13. A method for determining a device in a plurality of devices in which to
2 send a message, the method comprising:
3 receiving a message from a first user for a second user;
4 determining a device in a plurality of devices associated with the second user;
5 determining a format associated with the determined device;
6 determining if the message needs to be adapted to the determined format;
7 if the message does need to be adapted, performing the steps of
8 adapting the message to the determined format; and
9 sending the adapted message to the determined device;
10 if the message does not need to be adapted, sending the message to the
11 determined device.

1 14. The method of claim 13, wherein the received message comprises a
2 first protocol, wherein the sent message is sent in a second protocol.

1 15. The method of claim 13, wherein the format comprises at least one of a
2 short message system (SMS), email, instant message (IM), and voice message format.

1 16. The method of claim 13, wherein adapting the message comprises
2 adapting content of the received message to content compatible with the determined format.

1 17. The method of claim 13, further comprising determining a device
2 identifier for the determined device, wherein sending the adapted message or message to the
3 determined device comprises sending the adapted message or message to the determined
4 device identifier.

1 18. The method of claim 17, wherein the received message does not
2 specify the determined device identifier.

1 19. The method of claim 17, wherein the received message is addressed to
2 a different device identifier than the device identifier of the sent message.

1 20. The method of claim 13, wherein determining the device comprises
2 using at least one of content of the message, communication capabilities for the plurality of
3 devices, one or more preferences associated with the second user, and presence information
4 for devices in the plurality of devices associated with the second user.

1 21. A device configured to route messages for a plurality of users, the
2 device comprising:
3 a receiver configured to receive a message from a first user in the plurality of
4 users;
5 a device determiner configured to determine a device in one or more devices
6 associated with a second user in the plurality of users, the device determined based on one or
7 more communication types associated with the one or more devices; and
8 a sender configured to send the message to a device identifier associated with
9 the determined device for the second user.

1 22. The device of claim 21, wherein the device is determined based on at
2 least one of communication capabilities of the one or more devices, one or more preferences

3 associated with the second user, and presence information for devices in the plurality of
4 devices associated with the second user.

1 23. The device of claim 21, further comprising a formatter configured to
2 format the received message to a format compatible with the determined device.

1 24. The device of claim 21, further comprising a database configured to
2 store information for one or more devices associated with the plurality of users.

1 25. The device of claim 21, wherein the one or more devices are associated
2 with a user identifier for the second user, wherein the device determiner is configured to
3 determine the user identifier from the message.

1 26. A system for sending messages, the system comprising:
2 a plurality of users, each user associated with one or more devices;
3 a message router configured to route messages from a first user to a second
4 user, the message router comprising:

5 a receiver configured to receive a message from the first user;

6 a device determiner configured to determine a device in one or more
7 devices associated with the second user, the device determined based on one or more
8 communication types associated with the one or more devices; and

9 a sender configured to send the message to a device identifier
10 associated with the determined device for the second user.

1 27. The system of claim 26, wherein the first user and second user
2 comprise a first device that communicates in a first protocol and wherein the determined
3 device communicates in a second protocol, wherein the message is adapted to the second
4 protocol.

1 28. The system of claim 26, wherein the first user comprises a device that
2 communicates in a communication type of at least one of email, SMS, MMS, IM, and voice.

1 29. The system of claim 26, wherein the communication types associated
2 with the one or more devices comprises at least one of email, SMS, MMS, IM, and voice.